

THE IVERS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND EVENTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 JULY 2023 AT 7.00PM

Committee Members Present: Councillors Ciarán Beary, Julie Cook, Vishal Gupta, Peter Stanhope and Wendy Matthews.

In attendance: Nicole McCaig (Business Administrator and minute taker) and Karen Crowhurst (Locum Clerk)

081/22 ELECTION OF CHAIR

A nomination was received for Cllr Stanhope to be the Chair of the Facilities and Events Committee which was proposed by Cllr Gupta and seconded by Cllr Cook.

Resolved that Cllr Stanhope be duly elected as Chair of the Facilities and Events Committee for the municipal year 2023-2024.

APOLOGIES

None received.

082/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) No declarations were received from Members.
- b) 2 written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests were received by the clerk (from Cllrs Cook and Stanhope) regarding allotment tenancies.
- c) The clerk granted two dispensations to the end of the municipal year 2023-24 to ensure the committee remains quorate.

083/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 16 members of the public (MoP) in attendance at the meeting, including 3 children.

One MoP, representing the Iver Heath Bowls Club, spoke about the solar panel project at Iver Heath Pavilion. The committee noted the bowls club's interest in participating in the project. The MoP then left the meeting.

One MoP read a joint statement on behalf of the Iver Heath Residents' Association and Iver Heath Allotment Association. The committee noted the statement (copy attached to these minutes).

084/22 MINUTES

The minutes of 3rd May 2023 were considered.

RESOLVED that

The minutes of 3rd May 2023 be agreed and signed by the Chair.

085/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Stanhope reported that:

- Groundwork had offered to clear an Iver Heath allotment plot as part of their Numeracy Skills Project in association with Bucks Adult Education.
- Iver Heath FC will not be renewing their pitch and pavilion hire agreement and that the Business Administrator is progressing discussions with St Peters' FC and Confidence Through Football and will bring a report to the next committee meeting.

086/22 FINANCE

The Committee received the income and expenditure for the year to 23rd June 2023.

RESOLVED:

- The Finance Report be noted as received by the Committee.

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COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN

The Committee received the Action Plan.

RESOLVED that:

- The Action Plan be noted as received by the Committee.

088/22

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONTRACT 2023-25

The committee reviewed the report of the Business Administrator.

RESOLVED

- Business Administrator to proceed with contractor 4 for a 3 year lighting contract.

089/22

SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

The committee reviewed the report of the Business Administrator.

RESOLVED

- To include batteries on the Jubilee Pavilion system.
- Business Administrator to proceed with engaging with the energy consultant to apply for HS2 Community Grant Funding and any other recommended funding.
- To then progress with a phased installation.

090/22

ALLOTMENT CONCESSIONS

a) The committee reviewed the report of the Business Administrator.

b) A motion was tabled by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Gupta to amend the wording of Clause 8. in the tenancy agreement as follows:

8. The council ~~will only~~ **may** grant a concession on the grounds of hardship and on receipt of proof that the tenant is claiming a benefit (~~i.e. UK State Pension, Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment~~) and will only apply to one plot (the largest) if the tenant has two or more allotment plots.

RESOLVED The committee moved to a vote and the motion was carried.

A second motion was tabled by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Gupta to add an additional sentence to Clause 8 as follows:

Concessions already granted will continue from October 2023 to September 2024.

RESOLVED The committee moved to a vote and the motion was carried.

A third motion was tabled by Cllr Cook and seconded by Cllr Gupta to establish a Working Group to review allotment pricing before September 2024 with the following membership totalling 15:

- 2 members from each of the 3 Residents' Associations (Iver Heath, Iver and Richings Park).
- 3 members from each of the allotment associations, including those on the waiting lists, at Iver Heath and Iver allotment sites.
- 3 members from the Ivers Parish Council.

RESOLVED The committee moved to a vote and the motion was carried.

091/22

IVER HEATH PAVILION AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARM AND DETECTION SYSTEM

The Committee reviewed the report of the Business Administrator.

RESOLVED

- Business Administrator to proceed with contractor 3 for the installation of a new fire alarm and detection system at Iver Heath Pavilion.

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SPECIAL MOTION

- a) The committee reviewed the special motion, received by the clerk, regarding the acquisition of additional land for allotment gardens.

RESOLVED

- a) Clerk to write to Buckinghamshire Council to request they devolve land to the parish council for the provision of additional allotments and
- b) Neighbourhood Plan phase 2 committee to identify land for additional allotments.

All remaining MoPs left the meeting.

093/22

CORONATION EVENTS EVALUATION

The Committee reviewed the community feedback.

RESOLVED

- Clerk and Business Administrator to respond to both letters.
- Business Administrator to bring coronation pin pricing to the next committee meeting.

The meeting finished at 7:53pm

Signed Chair

Date